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**MESSAGE: RE: US Application No. 09/778,661, Filed 02/06/2001
Attorney Docket No. 10003011-1**

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified U.S. application are the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114 (in duplicate)
2. Amendment, 11 pages

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PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10003011-1

IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Rankin et al.

Serial No.: 09/778,661

Examiner: Amari, Alessandro V.

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Group Art Unit: 2872

Title: OPTICAL CAVITIES FOR OPTICAL DEVICES

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

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02 FC:1801 750.30 Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- () Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- () Other _____.

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- (X) Amendment/Reply
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- () Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
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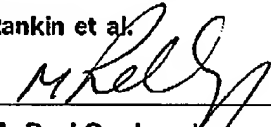
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Respectfully submitted,

Rankin et al.

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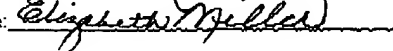
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In Re Application of:

Rankin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/778,661

Filed: February 6, 2001

For: **Optical Cavities for Optical Devices**

Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: Amari, Alessandro V.

Docket No. 10003011-1

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The outstanding Advisory Action mailed May 30, 2003, and the Examiner's Interview of July 1, 2003, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following claim amendments.

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